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Date: December 5, 1997
To: Peter M. Standish-Lee
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Re: Comments on Load Estimates
From: Leslie Gruber

Thanks for the opportunity for reviewing the load estimate section of the technical report. I have attached pages on which I have editorial comments. I have also attached two pages from a DRAFT report on TDS, boron, and selenium loads in the SJR watershed for water years 1986 through 1995. This report will be released after it goes before the Board in January, 1998. The title is 'Ten Year Load Report, Volume I, Load Calculations by Gruber et al. CVRWQCB, January, 1998. A draft copy of the report could be mailed to you next week if you wish. I will be out of the office until 12/18 so please contact Jeannie Chilcott at 255-3088 if you would like a copy.

My general comment regarding this section is that although it might be an oversimplification of the loads of constituents, the report is a good effort to bringing much information together. I continue to be concerned however that this information could be misused if taken out of context or if used to make policy decisions without considering the way the calculations were made. I think all the tables should be prepared in a portrait format so that a larger boilerplate disclaimer could appear on each table describing the methodology used to estimate loads. Some of the information that now appears in the appendices could then also be put in the tables. This would make it more difficult for the information to be taken out of context if copied and redistributed. Hooray! PSL

I am also attaching a copy of an abstract on Mercury loading (6 figures not included). Please contact Chris Foe of this office at 255 3113 for more information.